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Programs begin at 7:30 p.m.
at the San Bernardino County Museum, 2024 Orange Tree Lane, Redlands
(California St. exit off 10 Fwy)

San Gorgonio Chapter Awards Presented

By Carol Wiley

The annual chapter awards were presented at the November meeting. We have many dedicated people and this is our chance to recognize some of them for their outstanding work for the Sierra Club. Our thanks and appreciation to them and to the rest of you who have also contributed much to the San Gorgonio Chapter.

The Margorie and Clark Jones Service Award was presented to Dave Barrie. Steve Farrell of the Mountains Group was there to present this award to Dave in recognition of years of cheerful and remarkable service to the Sierra Club and its goals. Of his consistent and reliable support of the San Gorgonio Chapter and its leaders; and especially in appreciation for his redoubtable leadership as Chair of the San Bernardino Mountains Group, where he has guided with wisdom, patience, ethics and an amazing ability to facilitate and encourage the best in others. He is the foundation that makes everything possible in the Mountains Group where he is greatly valued. He also serves on the chapter awards committee, the chapter election committee, is involved with the Children's Forest and is overseer for Keller Hut.

The Ralph Salisbury Outings award was presented to Ed Caliendo of the Big Bear Group by Ed Wallace, who was last year's winner of this award. Ed Caliendo is a dedicated leader and has shown a strong commitment to leading regular Sierra Club outings while displaying great organization and leadership skills. He is greatly appreciated by many for the many hiking opportunities he offers for people to get out and enjoy nature.

There were three other award winners, all from the Santa Margarita Group, who were unable to attend the awards presentation at the chapter meeting, so they received their awards at the Santa Margarita Group meeting on November 15th. The Alice Knepper Service Award was presented to two very deserving ladies, Kathleen Hamilton and Barbara Wilder. Both of these women have worked long and hard for over seven years, opposing the Liberty Quarry, which would have been a disastrous project. They worked with the Save Our Southwest Hills group for years, keeping the community involved in the opposition, gathering signatures, attending meetings and hearings and doing anything that was needed in this campaign. Their long-time work has recently met with success. Kathleen and Barbara are long-time environmentalists working on many issues and they are truly a huge asset to the environmental community. Many thanks for all their hard work.

The Joe Momeyer Conservation Award went to Jim Mitchell (photographed below), chair and founding member of the Santa Margarita Group, in recognition of his outstanding conservation work with the Santa Margarita Group and many other groups and organizations. He has shown great dedication to protecting our environment by his support of the group’s conservation issues and working with other groups. His work includes Member of the Board of Directors and fundraising for the Orange County Coastkeepers, member of the Orange County League of Conservation Voters whose focus is on the introduction of political candidate forums, member and fundraising for the Catalina Island Conservancy, and member of Save Our Southwest Hill opposing the Liberty Quarry.

Young Environmental Champion Awards

By Mike Millsapugh, San Gorgonio Chapter’s Membership Chair

-inspired by comments that Sierra Club Executive Director Michael Brune made at the joint California/ Nevada Regional Conservation Committee and Sierra Club California annual meeting, several members of the Chapter took it upon themselves to fund eight new complimentary memberships in the Club. Active members of the Sierra Club have long been aware of the “grieving” of the Club and need for greater diversity. Brune’s comments and review of the Club’s My Generation Campaign provided clarity for achieving a more diverse club.

Turning the Inland Empire Green

By Jono Hildner, San Gorgonio Chapter’s Political Chair

There was a time when the Inland Empire was solidly in the hands of elected leaders who could care less about the environment. That has led to many lawsuits pursued, and won, by the Chapter over the years. That is now changing! As we begin to elect people to office who sincerely care about the environment and who will consult with the Sierra Club before making decisions that affect air, water and habitat, we can hope to have fewer lawsuits and an environment that is actively protected by our elected leaders. While there is still much work to be continued on page 2...>
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done, we need to celebrate the victories of our two endorsed Congressional candidates.
Dr. Raul Ruiz-D defeated incumbent Mary Bono Mack, 52.9% to 47.1% in the Coachella Valley and Mark Takano-D won handily over John Tavaglione-R, 59.0% to 41.0%, in Riverside. Also, our endorsed Assembly Member Norma Torres-D won in AD56-Ontario with 66.0% of the vote.

Unfortunately, our only endorsed County Supervisor candidate, Bob Buster lost to Kevin Jeffries in a squeaker in Riverside District 1, 49.4% to 50.6%.

We have lots more to do here in the Chapter, but we are beginning to see change on the horizon and we’ve proven that if the Club makes a concerted effort in any given race, we can definitely affect the outcome of the election. As we have a breather during this “off year,” it gives us a chance to organize into a powerful and effective force to elect environmental advocates going forward. Some of the other races of interest were:

State Senate Gloria Negrete-McLeod-D won in Congressional District 35-Orange, which will result in a special election to fill her Senate seat. We will be following this race closely.

In State Senate District 31-Riverside, Richard Roth-D defeated Jeff Miller and could be a strong ally.

Cheryl Brown-D defeated Joe Baca, Jr. in Assembly District 42-Yucaipa.

In Assembly District 56-Imperial County that include much of the Coachella Valley, incumbent V. Manuel Perez-D won easily.

We can also expect help from Jose Medina-D who won in Assembly District 61-Riverside.

Locally, while we did not endorse James Ramos in San Bernardino County’s 3rd District Supervisor race, we believe that he will be an ally.

For all election results for State offices and Propositions, check
http://vote.sos.ca.gov/.

January 8th Chapter Program to Focus on “Climate Reality”

Christine Magar will speak on climate change at the January 8th chapter meeting. Christine will present a stunning and fact filled visual show titled “Climate Reality.” Ms. Magar is a Climate Leader trained by Al Gore’s Climate Reality Project. In addition to being a climate activist, Christine is a noted consulting architect specializing in sustainable design.

The meeting will be held at 7:30 PM at the San Bernardino County Museum, 2024 Orange Tree Lane, Redlands, near the California St. exit from Interstate 10.

The Climate Reality Project believes that the climate crisis is everyone’s problem. Real solutions, systemic solutions, innovative solutions, can only come when we address it together. That’s what The Climate Reality Project will do.

The Climate Reality Project brings the facts about the climate crisis into the mainstream and engages the public in conversation about how to solve it. It helps citizens around the world the world understand the truth and take meaningful steps to bring about change.

Founded and chaired by Al Gore, Nobel Laureate and former President of the United States, The Climate Reality Project has more than five million members and supporters worldwide. It is guided by one simple truth: The climate crisis is real and we know how to solve it.

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**Group News**

**Big Bear Group**

by Ed Wallace, Group Outings Chair, and Ed Caliendo

**2013 A Look head for the Big Bear Group**

W e have an exciting year ahead for all levels of hikers in Southern California. In our continuing effort to expand our base, we are announcing two new Hiking Programs for the year, plus the continuation of two existing Recognition Awards Programs carried over from prior years.

The first new program consists of Photography Outings that will focus on capturing the four seasons in the wilderness mountain areas. This will consist of scheduled outings in the spring, summer, fall, and winter seasons. The program will be comprised of short hikes – two-three miles – to capture extraordinary landscapes, sunsets, close-up photography of wildflowers, streams, bugs, and small creatures of the forest.

This program is open to beginners with a desire to capture nature at its best! Some photography instructions will be provided. Hikes will typically be scheduled on a Saturday or Sunday. Please allow four hours for a Photography Outing. Look at the Outings Calendar on the San Gorgonio Wilderness website http://sangorgonio.sierraclub.org/ to find the Photography Outings schedule.

Contact Ed Wallace, Hiking Leader for additional information (909) 584-9407.

The second new program is a Winter Recognition Award Program for those individual hikers who complete Section B of the Pacific Crest Trail (PCT). This a 101.4 mile distance that is divided into day-hikes and a three-day backpacking trip.

Section B of the Pacific Crest Trail travels from Warner Springs in Southern California to the I-10 Freeway where you will experience 16,645' of gains and 18,332' of loss elevation. We will hike through the San Jacinto Mountain Wilderness, San Bernardino National Forest, Cleveland National Forest, and Anza Borrego Desert State Park.

Those hikers interested in participating in this program are to contact Ed Caliendo, Hiking Leader at (760) 328-1090 or dogs11@msn.com.

The following is a tentative schedule for completing Section B, of the Pacific Crest Trail in 2013:

- Jan 12, 2013 (SAT) – Segment 1: Hwy 79 southwest of Warner Springs to Indian Flats CG Road 9S05, 9.2 mile hike
- Jan 26, 2013 (SAT) – Segment 2: Indian Flats CG Road 9S05 to Chihuahua Valley Road, 9.3 miles
- Feb 16, 2013 (SAT) – Segment 3: Chihuahua Valley Road to Tule Canyon Truck Trail, 10.3 miles
- Mar 2, 2013 (SAT) – Segment 4: Tule Canyon Truck Road to Highway 74, 15.7 miles
- Mar 16, 2013 (SAT) – Segment 5: Highway 74 to Fobes Trailhead, 15.7 miles
- July 5 – 7, 2013 (FRID - SUN) – Segment 6: Backpacking Trip; Fuller Ridge to Fobes Trail Junction, in the San Jacinto Wilderness, 25.6 miles
- Oct 20, 2013 (SAT) – Segment 7: from Fuller Ridge Trailhead to Snow Canyon Road, at the base of the San Jacinto Mountain Range, 18.2 miles
- Nov 22, 2013 (SAT) – Jan 12, 2013 (SAT) – Segment 8: the Final Segment from the Windmills of the desert north of I-10 to Snow Canyon Road, at the northern edge of the San Jacinto Mountain Range, 8.0 miles

This completes all 1014 miles of Section B, of the Pacific Crest Trail. The total miles to be hiked will slightly exceed the actual miles of Section B due to the need to hike to the Pacific Crest Trail junctions.

**Continuing Programs from 2012 include** (1) The Five Peaks of Big Bear Award Programs and (2) the Pacific Crest Trail, Section C Recognition Program.

Each hiker that completes the hiking of the Five Peaks of Big Bear during the 2013 calendar year will receive a custom made “Patch” in recognition of the significant achievement. The five peaks include: Greys Peak, Bertha Peak, Gold Mountain, Sugarloaf Mountain, and Delamar Mountain. A full schedule of hikes led by Sierra Club Hiking Leaders will be published in the March 2013 Palm and Pine newspaper.

The second program continuing into 2013 is the Pacific Crest Trail, Section C Recognition Program. Those hikers completing all 132.9 miles during 2013 will receive a Recognition Patch for their individual achievement. A complete schedule of Section C hikes will be published in the March Palm and Pine newspaper.

A special Awards Party celebration is held annually, typically in the month of May, to present Award Patches to the achievers.

**EXPLORE! ENJOY! PROTECT!**

When the opportunity comes your way will you seize it? Will you say “yes!” or will you sit back and think that you are only one and that you cannot possibly make a difference, or “I wish I had time?” One definition for the word opportunity is “a good chance for advancement or progress.” There are many ways that you can seize the opportunity to make a difference in your environment, in the Mojave Group and in the Mojave Desert.

1) EXPLORE! ENJOY! You can go on hikes/outings. Your favorite place isn’t in the Outings Calendar? You would prefer to go by bicycle? Canoe? Consider becoming an Outings Leader – training is usually the first weekend in JUNE. The commitment after training is not excessive. We ask Mojave Group Outings leaders to provide at least two outings a YEAR. Would you like to do that? Contact Melody Nichols, our Outings Chair for information: labelady@msn.com.

2) You are NOT just “one.” You can attend the Executive Committee (ExCom) meeting to find out more about the “nuts and bolts” of the group (now easier than ever as it is before the General Meeting at 6:00pm – except December and a few other months). ENJOY! the snacks that are provided by other members so your tummy doesn’t grumble about a missed dinner! You might consider volunteering to bring the snack or even be the official host/hostess. Contact Jenny Wilder for information: Jennosi@aol.com

3) Your opportunity to be a voice for the environment lasts all year long. We ask all Mojave Group members to write at least one letter-to-the-editor (LTE) or to the elected official of your choice per year. You are the voice of clean air, clean water, clean energy, open space, and wildlife! If all members wrote a single letter, it would amount to about a letter every day of the year. Why not make that a commitment or New Year’s Resolution? You can also share your enthusiasm on Facebook (search for Mojave Group Sierra Club): https://www.facebook.com/photo.php?fbid=1015118555222444&set=a.7354441949.7344.69189.439&type=1#!/pages/Mojave-Group-SierraClub/128855927174168

4) PROTECT! There are so many areas of the Mojave Desert that are in need of protection. The Juniper Flats Area is a great place to hike, but lacks footpaths. It is typical of many areas of the Mojave Desert where the focus has been on motorized recreation ONLY. Join us in our efforts to bring hiking trails to the area instead of only motorized traffic. The Army Corps of Engineers area (see photo) below the Mojave River Dam is another riparian area that is supposed to have protection from motorized traffic but doesn’t. Fences are cut and people are playing in their vehicles in the watery habitat and going through the tunnel to the sensitive area of Deep Creek. Join us in our efforts to get this area the protection that it deserves and the many other sensitive desert riparian areas. The Pacific Crest National Scenic Trail in the Deep Creek Canyon is a scenic area but rapidly being destroyed by graffiti vandalism. Join us in our efforts to get rid of this nuisance. Other sections of the PCT need your eyes and ears. Help protect this magnificent trail that has international significance.

Help the Wilderness designation efforts. Help stop sprawl projects and projects that will pollute the air and water your family relies on. Contact Jenny Wilder for details or join us at the monthly meetings: Jennosi@aol.com

THANK YOU! I wish to extend my appreciation and thanks to everyone who has made a difference in 2012. Many thanks to the ExCom members: Melody Nichols, Carol Wiley, Minki Petersen, Bryan Baker, Bill Spreng and Kim Floyd. Many thanks to all of you who have provided snacks for the meetings. An especially BIG thank you to all who have helped with hours of work packing, scraping and mudding up graffiti in Arrastre Canyon and the Deep Creek Canyon. That seems like an impossible task but the many hands involved made for some fun days: Jamie Wills, Susan Stueber, Sharon Gollennyer, Bob Mourino, Vanessa Hernandez, Ann O’Lear, Carol Wiley, Dick Garrison, Minki Petersen, Laverno Borth, and all others who have helped in the past. Many thanks to Cindy Domey for her work on the Label GMO initiative! Many thanks to EVERYONE who has written a letter or accomplished some other act to help our environment.
Group News

Moreno Valley Group
by Ann Turner McKibben, Secretary

If we could afford some professional comments to supplement those of our reviewers, it would make a huge difference in the final project. If we decide to litigate, these comments could make the difference between losing and winning. Thank you to those who have already donated! Please send your much appreciated donations to: Sierra Club, Moreno Valley Group, P.O. Box 1325, Moreno Valley, CA 92556-1325. For more information visit www.sierraclub.org.

The Riverside County General Plan Update (GUP) continues to be a work in progress. According to the county Planning Department, the internal draft environmental impact report (DEIR) will be transmitted to county departments by the end of 2012. The department will provide their comments (which will be incorporated into the DEIR) by February or March 2013. Two General Plan Advisory Committee meetings will be held sometime in February or March. The county’s goal is to have the draft EIR out for public review by the end of June 2013. The GUP will impact all of us who live in Riverside County as the plan will lay out land use designations for years to come, address sprawl, global climate change, noise and open space issues. Land use designations will significantly impact the San Jacinto Wildlife Area and also open up valuable agricultural lands for development.

The Moreno Valley Group would like to thank Riverside County Supervisor Bob Buster (and his staff) for his many years of public service as supervisor for District 1. Last fall the Moreno Valley Group submitted comments on the Motte Lakeview Ranch Specific Plan (SP366) draft environmental impact report (DEIR). The Moreno Valley Group Planning Department has no date for the release of the draft environmental impact report for the proposed project. The project would put 2,000 homes on land north of the Ramona Expressway and south of the San Jacinto Wildlife Area next to the wildlife area boundary. For more information on the project, contact project planner Matt Straite, (951) 955-8631, e-mail mstraite@rutlma.org. Please ask to be put on the list to receive planning documents and be notified of all public meetings related to the project. The Moreno Valley Regional Trails Board will sponsor a “Hike to Terri Peak” (DIFFICULT) on Saturday, January 26, 2013. Meet at 7:30 a.m., parking lot, Landmark Middle School, 15261 Legendary Drive, Moreno Valley. It is a 7.8 mile hike round trip. Please call (951) 413-3702 to verify all information. The Lake Perris State Recreation Area bald eagle counts are set for the second Saturday in January and February. No entrance fee—mention that you are taking part in the bald eagle count. Meet at the Regional Indian Museum at 8:00 a.m. Please verify all information by calling (951) 940-5657. For other visits please check the LPSRA web page (http://www.parks.ca.gov/?page_id=651) for entrance fee information. Information on the Limited Use Golden Bear passes (a $10 annual pass for those age 62 and older) can be found at: http://www.parks.ca.gov/?page_id=23887. This annual pass may be purchased anytime during the year but is good only until December 31.

The Moreno Valley Group is looking for volunteers to help us accomplish our group priority goals (http://sangorgonio.sierracub.org/moreno-valley/index.html) and increase outreach and membership. If you are interested in helping us and wish to share information about our group, please e-mail us at: movalleygroup@yahoo.com or call Ann McKibben at (951) 924-8150 or George Hague at (951) 924-0816.

Mountains Group
by Dave Barrie, Chair

Once again the Mountains Group had its last meeting of the year at Keller Hut. Hikes, food, talk, White Elephant gift交换, food exchange and lots of dishes to wash.

As always the Group supplied the turkey and as in the past Sandy Ellis did a wonderful job prepping it for us and on her new knee! Thank you Sandy.

Without going into a lot of details, the highest White Elephant gift exchange was Don Fischer (after having a gift “stolen”) picking a nice looking bag and proceeding to reveal the contents. First out of the bag was an older model turkey and as in the past Sandy Ellis did a lot of dishes to wash.

Steve Farrell can relax for a minute and pick a day to give himself a break from protecting our mountains, leading “meanders,” choosing interesting and informative programs, attending water meetings and helping the Sierra Club in a myriad of ways.

Bill Engs can finish our financial reports for the year and replace those books with a few others that he can read and review for us at one of the monthly meetings. When he isn’t leading hikes and Birdwalks that is. Sherry Noone, the minutes are up to date! Thank you so much! 

Bob Kinzel, thank you for helping us “connect” with the local communities in new ways.

Dave Ficke, thanks for the continuing ecology talks (we look forward to more of them) and thanks for agreeing to join the Excom.

Marta Hethmon, thanks for our Website and for keeping it interesting and current.

Sue Walker (new Assembly Member of the California Senior Legislature) thanks for your ideas, your energy and your continued monitoring of the Church of the Woods project.

Squirrel Tracks
Jo Ann, thank you for providing the Chapter with so much help as Editor of the Palm and Pine. (And I need to remind everyone to look at the Chapter website http://sangorgonio.sierracub.org – it is s-o-o nice!)

Don, Conservation Chair, busy Outings Leader, Earth Day organizer and tieri of new ideas! Thanks for rolling up your sleeves and getting it done.

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Palm and Pine
LIABILITY WAIVER
In order to participate on one of the Sierra Club’s outings, you will need to sign the following liability waiver:

Sign-In Sheet & Acknowledgment of Outing Member Responsibility, in consideration for my acceptance as a participant on this Outing, & the services & amenities to be provided & whereby I have read any rules & conditions applicable to the Outing made available to me; I will pay any costs & fees for the Outing; & I acknowledge my participation at is the discretion of the leader.

The outing begins & ends at the location where the Outing officially commences with leader & participants in accordance as designated by the Sierra Club Trailhead. The Outing does not include carpooling, transportation, or transit to or from the Trailhead, & I am personally responsible for all risks associated with this activity. This does not apply to transportation provided by the Sierra Club after the commencement & before the end of the Outing. I decide to leave early & do not complete the Outing as planned. I acknowledge all risks inherent in my decision to go forward & waive all liability against the Sierra Club arising from that decision. Likewise, if the leader has concluded the Outing, & I decide to go forward without the leader, I acknowledge all risks inherent in my decision to go forward & waive all liability against the Sierra Club arising from that decision. This Agreement is intended to be as broad & inclusive as is permitted by law. If any provision or any part of any provision of this Agreement is held to be invalid or legally unenforceable for any reason, the remainder of this Agreement shall not be affected thereby & shall remain valid & fully enforceable.

For the fullest extent allowed by law, I agree to WAIVE, DISCHARGE, CLAIMS, & RELEASE LIABILITY, & to INDEMNIFY & HOLD HARMLESS the Sierra Club & its directors, officers, agents, & leaders from any & all liability on account of, or in any way resulting from Injuries & Damages, even if caused by negligence of the Sierra Club its officers, directors, employees, agents, & leaders, in any way connected with this outing. I understand & intend that this assumption of risk & release is binding upon my my participation is at the discretion of the leader. I have read this document in its entirety & I freely & voluntarily assume all risks of such Injuries & Damages & thereafter the risk of death, & hereby agree to & assent to the same.

Note: If the participant is a minor, the minor’s guardian must sign on the minor’s behalf.

RECURRING MONTHLY MEETINGS (LOOK IN CALENDAR FOR DATES)

(1ST MON) 6:00 PM  BIG BEAR GROUP EXCOM MEETING Alpine Conference Room 27326 Blue Jay Mall on Feb, Apr, 1, May 6, Oct, 7, Nov 4. INFO: DAVE BARNIE, (909) 335-8113. BIG BEAR GROUP

(1ST TUE) 7:30 PM  SAN GORGONIO CHAPTER MEETING PROGRAM: See front-page notice. NOTE: The January, 2013, meeting is January 8 because of the New Year’s Day holiday. PLACE: San Bernardino County Museum, 2042 Orange Tree Lane, Redlands. DIRECTIONS: Exit 1-50 at Cal St. INFO: LADD SEEKINS <ladd.g.seekins@gmail.com>. SAN GORGONIO CHAPTER

(3RD THU) 6:30 PM  BIG BEAR GROUP EXCOM MEETING The meeting place rotates. INFO: ED WALLACE (909) 594-9407. BIG BEAR GROUP

(1ST THU)  LOS SERRANOS GROUP EXCOM MEETING Odd-numbered months only (Jan, Mar, May, Sep, Nov). PLACE: For meeting time & place, call MARY ANN RUlz (909) 815-9379, <ruizmaryann@gmail.com> LOS SERRANOS GROUP

(2ND MON) 7:00 PM  SB MOUNTAINS GROUP MEETING Monthly program meeting. No meeting in August or December. PLACE: St. Richard’s Episcopal Church, 2878 Highway 18, Sky Forest. INFO: DAVE BARNIE, (909) 337-0113. SB MOUNTAINS GROUP

(2ND TUE) 7:00 PM  CHAPTER CONSERVATION COMMITTEE MEETING Monthly meeting or conference call. Take part in working on important conservation issues. PLACE: Please contact: We need your help! INFO: KIM FLOYD, Conservation Chair, <kimfloyd@fastmail.fm> 229-543-5815. CHAPTER

(3RD THU) 6:30 PM  SAN JACINTO VALLEY (HEMET) CONS COMMITTEE Monthly conservation meeting. The public is welcome. LOCATION: Call or email for location & directions. CONTACT: SHAUILL ROSEN-RAGER, (951) 767-2203, <cgardens@netsfire.org> SAN JACINTO VALLEY (HEMET) CONSERVATION COMMITTEE

(3RD TUE) 7:00 PM  LOS SERRANOS GROUP MEETING Monthly meeting except August. PLACE: Sterling Inn, Regency Room, 17738 Franciesca, Victorville. (One block north of Bear Valley Rd. on Ridgecrest) ISide on Ridgecrest side of the building. INFO: CAROL WILEY, (760) 245-8734, <d선거리&lia@verizon.net> LOS SERRANOS GROUP

(3RD THU) 6:30 PM  BIG BEAR GROUP MEETING Monthly meeting except December. INFO: For current program information, please visit the Group web site www.sieracrubbigbeargroup.org. PLACE: Big Bear Discovery Center, 4079 North Shore Dr. (Hwy. 38), Fawnskin. CONTACT: ED WALLACE (909) 594-9407. BIG BEAR GROUP

(3RD TUE) 7:00 PM  SANTA MARGARITA GROUP MEETING Monthly meeting. The public is welcome. PLACE: Rancho California Water District Headquarters, 42135 Winchester Blvd., Temecula 92598. INFO: JM MITCHELL, (951) 506-7464. <jmitchell@rcwd.ca.gov> SANTA MARGARITA GROUP

(4TH TUE) 7:00 PM  SAN GORGONIO CHAPTER EXCOM MEETING Chapter goverment meeting. (No December meeting.) PLACE: The Segrar Gorgoio chapter office, 4079 Mission Inn Ave., Riverside. INFO: RALPH SALISBURY (951) 668-4114 <ralphsalisbury@att.net> CHAPTER

WEEKLY RECURRING OUTINGS & FITNESS ACTIVITIES

Please read “LIABILITY WAIVER” preceding these listings

MON 6:00 PM  RIVERSIDE MT. RUIDOUS ONE HOUR FITNESS WALK Meet: Ninth entrance to Mt. Rubidoux. INFO: JUDY SMITH, (951) 369-5117. CHAPTER

MON 7:00 PM  MOJAVE GROUP CONDITIONING WALK MEET: Victor Valley Museum every Wednesday except second Wednesday of each month. Walks are paced for participants. Enjoy the evening air, river breeze, sunsets, starts & moon on a 3-mile walk around Jena Ranch. MEET at the Victor Valley Museum in Apple Valley on Apple Valley Road at 7 PM. BRING flashlight & water. WEAR layered clothing and good hiking shoes. For questions and comments please contact LEADER: MELODY NICHOLS (760) 963-4430. MOJAVE GROUP

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DECEMBER 24 - 30

No scheduled activities

DECEMBER 31 - JANUARY 6

Please read “LIABILITY WAIVER” preceding these listings (Also refer to Weekly recurring Outings & Activities)

JAN 2 (WED) 6:30 PM  BIG BEAR GROUP EXCOM MEETING MEETING PLACE: INFO: ED WALLACE (909) 594-9407. BIG BEAR GROUP

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JANUARY 7 – JANUARY 13
Please read “LIABILITY WAIVER” preceding these listings (Also refer to Weekly rooercing Outings and Activities)

JAN 8 (TUE) 8:00 AM POTATO MOUNTAIN HIKE
This moderate 5 mile RT hike is a 1200’ elevation gain that answers “New Year’s Resolution Challenges” as you please your way through Ever Canyon up to Potato’s summit. BRING: water, good hiking foot ware, hiking sticks and layered clothing. MEET: Please call EA LEADER JEFF WARHO, (909) 985-7686 jw@jsw.com prior to scheduled date for place. Details. Rain cancels. LEADER: JEFF WARHOL. LOS SERRANOS GROUP

JAN 8 (TUE) 7:30 PM SAN GORGONIO CHAPTER MEETING
MEETING PROGRAM: See front-page notice. NOTE: The January meeting is January 8 because of the New Year’s Day holiday. PLACE: San Bernardino County Museum, 242 Orange Tree Lane, Redlands. DIRECTIONS: Exit I-10 at California St. INFO: LADD SEEKINS <ladd.g.seekins@gmail.com>. (909) 800-3911

JAN 9 (SAT) 7:00 PM CHAPTER CONSERVATION COMMITTEE MEETING
Monthly meeting or conference call. Take part in working on important conservation issues. Please provide us your help/info! KIM FLOYD, Conservation Chair, <kimfloyd@verizon.net>. fone (760) 249-5385.

JAN 9 (WED) 7:00 PM MOJAVE GROUP MEETING
Monthly meeting except for July & August. PLACE: Sterling Inn, Regency Room, 17738 Francisco St, Victorville, CA 92395. Meets 3rd Wednesday of each month. Enter on east side of the building. INFO: CAROL WILEY, (760) 245-8734, <desertlily1@verizon.net> or email at dogs111@msn.com. BIG BEAR GROUP

JAN 12 (SAT) 8:15 AM PCT HWY 79 TO INDIAN FLATS CG ROAD 9080 HIKE
This is the start of our Winter Recognition Program whereby those individuals completing all 101.4 miles over 2013 and/or their 2014 will receive a special patch recognition and participation in the annual awards party. This first segment of 9.2 miles takes us from Warner Springs northward to Indian Flats Road junction (PCT Section B, Hwy 79 Southwest of Warner Springs to Indian Flat CG Road). RATED: Moderate. Meet Warner Springs Post Office lot and carpool to beginning of PCT, Section B, BRING: Ten essentials, layered clothing, 3-liters of water, trail snacks/lunch, sun screen, sunglasses, and hat. RESERVATIONS: CALL LEADER ED CALIENDO (760) 328-1090 or email at dogs111@msn.com. MOJAVE GROUP

**JAN 13 (SUN) 9:00 AM AMMORGAN TRAIL/CANDY STORE HIKE
There are two options on this hike. One is a moderate “out and back” hike of 9 miles and 4-5 hours. The second option is Margaret’s favorite: the “one way” downhill 4.5 miles and 2-3 hour hike. By using the Bear Canyon Trail junction, it is an easy 1-mile hike down to the Candy Store on the Trail and then up to the trail head. If you are the type to hit a lot different spots, this will be another great loop. A wilderness pass is required for the car. Those hikers who ride share back to The Morgan Trail head and pick up their cars (also displaying wilderness passes). For those choosing the Candy Store option, Margaret will give you a homemade pies for lunch. From the Morgan Trail head we travel east through oak woodlands with the sound of a stream below the trail. Afternoon route is up the trail opens up into a forest of chaparrel with some great vistas overlooking some of the mountains and valleys. DIRECTIONS: From the Ortega Highway in Lake Elsinore, head west up the mountain. When the road begins to level out, there is a left with a turn lane called South Main Drive. Continuing down and the trail head is about 2.8 miles on the right. BRING: Lunch, fruit, candy bars, lunch or snacks, comfortable hiking shoes, dress in layers, and don’t forget the hat and sunscreen.*** RAIN CANCELS. LEADER: JOHN MELYNKE john.melynke@gmail.com SANTA MARGARITA GROUP

JAN 14 – JANUARY 20
Please read “LIABILITY WAIVER” preceding these listings (Also refer to Weekly rooercing Outings and Activities)

JAN 14 (MON) 7:00 PM SB MOUNTAINS GROUP MEETING
MEETING: Program for month ends with a special presentation. PLACE: St. Richard’s Episcopal Church, 4097 Mission Ave., Riverside. INFO: RALPH SALISBURY (951) 686-4141 <ralph@salisbury.net>

JAN 15 (TUE) 6:00 PM BIG BEAR GROUP MEETING
Monthly conservation meeting. The public is welcome. LOCATION: Call for email location or directions. CONTACT: SCUAUL ROSEN-RAGER, (951) 767-2203, cgardens@sunrise.net.

JAN 15 (TUE) 7:00 PM LOS SERRANOS GROUP MEETING
Monthly meeting except August. The public is welcome. Refreshments will be served. PLACE: Educational Building, The Mounts Presbyterian Church, Etiwanda Ave. at 11th. INFO: Contact MARY ANN RUIZ, (909) 815-9379, <nizmaryann@gmail.com> or email at dogs111@msn.com. BIG BEAR GROUP

JAN 17 (THU) 6:30 PM BIG BEAR GROUP MEETING
Monthly meeting except December. INFO: For current program information, please visit the Group’s web site www.sierrachubbibigbear.org. PLACE: Big Bear Discovery Center, 40971 North Shore Dr. (Hwy. 38), Fawnskin. INFO: ED WALLACE (909) 584-4047.

JAN 18 (FRI-SUN) SANTA MARGARITA GROUP MEETING
Monthly meeting. The public is welcome. PLACE: Rancho California Water District Headquarters, 42153 Winchester Rd, Temecula 92579. INFO: JIM MITCHELL, (951) 696-7477, <jim@ Mojavehiking@gmail.com>. SANTA MARGARITA GROUP

JANUARY 19 (SAT) 9:00 AM EDDERBERY SPRING TO HIDDEN FALLS HIKE
Join us for a moderate-strenuous 5-6 mile hike to important wildlife watering places in the Anza Borrego Desert. There are some outstanding views from this hike as well as some large boulders to explore. We will check for cattle and other impacts to the riparian areas along the way. Weather can change rapidly in this area. BRING layered clothing, hat and BRING plenty of water/hands/shorts. High clearance vehicle is recommended. Meeting place is at the Apple Valley Road at 9am. LEADER: JENNY WILDER, jenvos@aol.com 760-222-0730.

JAN 21 (MON) 7:00 PM CR VIEW GROUP MEETING
MEETING: Program includes guest speaker to be announced. PLACE: The CR View Community Center, 8200 Oak Valley Rd., CR. INFO: WILLIAM H. SMITH, (760) 389-6263, <william.smith@cs.com>.

JAN 22 (TUE) 7:00 PM SAN GORGONIO CHAPTER MEETING
MEETING: Chapter governance meeting. (No December meeting) PLACE: The San Gorgonio Chapter office, 670 Mission Inn Ave., Riverside. INFO: RALPH SALISBURY (951) 686-4141 <ralph@salisbury.net>

JANUARY 21 – JANUARY 27
Please read “LIABILITY WAIVER” preceding these listings (Also refer to Weekly rooercing Outings and Activities)

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CHAPTEr governance meeting. (No December meeting) PLACE: The San Gorgonio Chapter office, 670 Mission Inn Ave., Riverside. INFO: RALPH SALISBURY (951) 686-4141 <ralph@salisbury.net>

JAN 26 (SAT) 7:30 AM PCT INDIAN FLATS TO CHIHUAHUA VLY RD HIKE
This is the second segment of the Winter Recognition Program. Those individual hikers completing all nine segments will receive a special patch signifying the accomplishment of hiking the entire PCT. This is a 9.3 mile day-hike traveling through Cleveland National Forest and Anza-Borrego Desert (PCT Section B, Segment #2 – Indian Flats CG Road 9015 to Chihuahua Valley Road). RATED: Easy. MEET at 7:30 a.m. at the junction of Hwy 79 and Chihuahua Valley Road. Carpool from there to the PCT junction. BRING: the ten-essentials, 3-liters of water, sun-protection, hat, and lunch. Four-wheel vehicles needed to transport hikers. CONTACT LEADER ED CALIENDO (760) 328-1090 for your participation in this hike.

**JAN 27 (SUN) 7:30 AM TENAJA FALLS TO MORGAN TRAIL CUTOFF HIKE
Enjoy a day in the backcountry near the Warner Springs area. This hike is 4 miles (in ten miles) hike to Echo Pines area. The hike is moderate with about 1000 ft of elevation gain. The trail makes crossings over several seasonal creeks and the Falls. Be prepared some areas of Poison Oak and lots of Chaparral. We will Meet at the first trail head (Tenaja Trail) and
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FEBRUARY 3 – JANUARY 28  Please read “LIABILITY WAIVER” preceding these listings
(Also refer to Weekly reoccurring Outings and Activities)

FEBRUARY 4 – FEBRUARY 10  Please read “LIABILITY WAIVER” preceding these listings
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FEBRUARY 11 – FEBRUARY 17  Please read “LIABILITY WAIVER” preceding these listings
(Also refer to Weekly reoccurring Outings and Activities)

FEBRUARY 18 – FEBRUARY 24  Please read “LIABILITY WAIVER” preceding these listings
(Also refer to Weekly reoccurring Outings and Activities)

March 2 – MARCH 3  Please read “LIABILITY WAIVER” preceding these listings
(Also refer to Weekly reoccurring Outings and Activities)

FEBRUARY 11 – FEBRUARY 17

**FEB 11 (MON) 7:00 PM  SB MOUNTAINS GROUP  MEETING
Monthly program meeting. No meeting in January. PLACE: St. Richard’s Episcopal Church, 28708 Highway 18, Sky Forest. INFO: DAVE BARRIE, (909) 337-0313. SB MOUNTAINS GROUP

**FEB 12 (TUE) 7:00 PM  CHAPTER COMMISSION MEETING
Monthly meeting or conference call. Take part in working on important conservation issues. Please participate: we need your help! INFO: KIM FLOYD. Conservation Chair, ekimfloyd@msn.com. (760) 249-5385. CHAPTER

**FEB 13 (WED) 7:00 PM  MOJAVE GROUP
Monthly meeting except for July & August. PLACE: Sterling Inn, Regency Room, 17738 Victorville Hwy., Victorville, CA. INFO: MOJA VE GROUP. (760) 951-4520 or email: bspreng@verizon.net

**FEB 15 (FRI) 9:00 AM  SB MTS, GREEN VALLEY LAKE  SNOWSHOE
Snowshoe Green Valley Lake has some of the best snow in our local mountains, so come and join me for a day of fun. No prior snowshoe experience is necessary, it is not difficult to learn just another form of hiking. You need to provide your own equipment. MEET: main parking area in G V Lake at 9 AM. WEAR layered clothing. BRING: No need to bring lunch just a snack and water. Please CALL to check on weather conditions. For more details contact LEADER: SANDY ELLIS. 909-867-7151, <fsellis67@msn.com>  CO-LEADER, HEATHER SARGEANT 909-336-2838  SB MOUNTAINS GROUP

FEBRUARY 26 – MARCH 3

**FEB 26 (TUE) 7:00 PM  SANCINTO MOUNTAINS GROUP  EXCOM MEETING
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Chapter governance meeting. PLACE: The San Gorgonio Chapter office, 4079 Mission Inn Ave., Riverside. INFO: RALPH SALISBURY (951) 686-4144 <ralphsalisbury@at.net>.

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COMING UP
Please read “LIABILITY WAIVER” preceding these listings.

May 5 (THU) 7:30 PM SAN GORGONIO CHAPTER MEETING PROGRAM: See front-page notice. PLACE: San Bernardino Museum, 2042 Orange Tree Lane, Redlands. DIRECTIONS: Exit I-10 at California St. INFO: LADD SEEKINS <laddg.seekins@gmail.com> or (909) 800-3911.

May 6 (FRI) 7:30 PM INTERNATIONAL FOLK DANCE FOLK DANCE PROGRAM: A guest speaker presents an illustrated program on wildlife or natural science. Come early to browse the gift tables & socialize. LOCATION: Rancho Santa Margarita Library, 21307 Rancho Santa Margarita Rd. INFO: DORI MEYERS, (714) 779-2201.

May 7 (SAT) 8:00 PM INTERNATIONAL FOLK DANCE FOLK DANCE PROGRAM: A guest speaker presents an illustrated program on wildlife or natural science. Come early to browse the gift tables & socialize. LOCATION: Rancho Santa Margarita Library, 21307 Rancho Santa Margarita Rd. INFO: DORI MEYERS, (714) 779-2201.

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NON-SIERRA CLUB ACTIVITIES
The following activities, meeting & events are neither sponsored nor administered by the Sierra Club. Contact the club for more information.

NON-SIERRA CLUB RECURRING WEEKLY & MONTHLY MEETINGS
(LOOK IN CALENDAR FOR DATES)

1ST FRI (8:00 PM) INTERNATIONAL FOLK DANCE FOLK DANCE PROGRAM: A guest speaker presents an illustrated program on wildlife or natural science. Come early to browse the gift tables & socialize. LOCATION: Rancho Santa Margarita Library, 21307 Rancho Santa Margarita Rd. INFO: DORI MEYERS, (714) 779-2201.

2ND WED (7:30 PM) AUDUBON SOCIETY MEETING PROGRAM: A guest speaker presents an illustrated program on wildlife or natural science. Come early to browse the gift tables & socialize. LOCATION: Rancho Santa Margarita Library, 21307 Rancho Santa Margarita Rd. INFO: DORI MEYERS, (714) 779-2201.

3RD WED (7:30 PM) AUDUBON SOCIETY MEETING PROGRAM: A guest speaker presents an illustrated program on wildlife or natural science. Come early to browse the gift tables & socialize. LOCATION: Rancho Santa Margarita Library, 21307 Rancho Santa Margarita Rd. INFO: DORI MEYERS, (714) 779-2201.

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The seven-year battle to prevent Liberty Quarry from degrading the communities in and around the Temecula Valley is finally over thanks to the Pechanga Tribe of Luiseño Indians who at the last minute stepped up and paid $20.35 million dollars to purchase the quarry site as well as settle the dispute with Granite Construction. Although many Southwest Riverside County residents are still dancing in the streets over the victory, there remains many reasons for serious concern.

One concern is the fact Granite Construction is still looking around in the area for another quarry site. But probably a much bigger concern than that is what we have learned about the workings of the Riverside County Board of Supervisors. A majority of the members of the Board of Supervisors voted in favor of Liberty Quarry despite the fact an overwhelming body of evidence clearly indicated the proposed quarry would be a disaster to the surrounding communities and despite the fact a majority of those living in those communities actually opposed it.

It is clear that something is seriously wrong with representative government in Riverside County. Until we figure out how to fix it, there is every reason to believe we can expect more dysfunctional county decisions by our elected officials that could harm our environment and the quality of our lives.

And, here are some of the many other things the Santa Margarita Group is doing:

Pam Nelson, Conservation & Educational Outreach & Program Committees
Acting as a representative of the Riverside and San Diego chapters, I have been attending the Santa Margarita Nutrient Initiative Project that is funded by Prop 84. We are an official affiliate and stakeholder. The study will help determine methodology for monitoring surface water quality using biological responses as well as the usual parameters. This is exciting group and lively conversations about steelhead recovery were part of the last meeting.

Tribes, Mattawa and Wallowa city officials support the Mattawa Creek Trail for a Sierra Club-sponsored project. – Photo by Terri Biancardi

Congratulations to our Chapter Desert Protection Warrior: SIND SILLIMAN
By Kim Floyd, San Gorgonio Chapter Conservation Chair
On November 10, 2012, Sid Silliman was honored by the Sierra Club of California for his many hours of work devoted to the protection of our desert habitat and species.

Upon retirement, after a forty-year career as a university Professor of Political Science, Sid has directed his energy and fresh ideas to the protection of the Desert Tortoise and other desert habitat and species. His leadership skills have been invaluable through his activities with the Desert Tortoise Council, the Friends of the Mojave National Preserve, the San Gorgonio Chapter and the Sierra Club Desert Committee. In every case, Sid has demonstrated his unique ability to passionately stand up for our beautiful desert. He is both a “boots-on-the-ground” guy participating in and leading many service projects in the Carrizo Plain, the Mojave National Preserve and other desert areas, as well as being an effective “communicator”: thinking, writing and speaking for the protection of the desert.

For these efforts, Sid received the prestigious Weidert award for public lands activists. He joins other well-regarded desert and habitat activists Eldon Hughes, Jim Dodson, Carol Wiley, Joan Taylor, Vicky Hoover and others who have received this outstanding award.

We honor Sid Silliman for his dedicated contributions to the protection of our desert lands habitat and species.
Recipients of San Gorgonio Chapter of the Sierra Club’s Award for Young Environmental Champions in the Inland Empire

By Mike Hillspaugh, San Gorgonio Chapter’s Membership Chair

These young activists will be honored with a sponsorship for an annual membership into the Sierra Club, along with all the benefits that come with it, for their outstanding work on behalf of the environment in the Inland Empire.

Sierra Club activist, ran for Upland city council on campaign to preserve the mountains and not give in to developers, phoneanked for AB1990, participated in video project for local clean energy, attended energy efficiency workshop.

Sierra Club activist, student leader at San Bernardino Valley College on Yes on 30- No on 32 campaign, worked on CHICCCAA community garden, canvassed San Bernardino County with local clean energy petition, phone banked for AB1990, participated in video project for local clean energy.

Sierra Club activist, DNC delegate for 35th Congressional District, ran for a Fontana School Board on renewable energy platform, wrote “Building a Sustainable Generation” in the San Bernardino Sun, phone banked for AB1990, participated in video project for local clean energy, attended energy efficiency workshop.

Sierra Club activist, canvassed San Bernardino County with local clean energy petition, phone banked for AB1990, lobbied in Sacramento for AB1990, helped establish local Sierra Club office in Colton.

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Sierra Club activist, ran for Outward Bound Scholar, Movimientos Estudiantil Chicano@ de Aztlán (MECHA) Co-leader at San Bernardino Valley College, Co-founder of Chicano Indigenous Community for Culturally Conscious Advocacy and Action(CHICCCAA) cultural center and community garden, canvassed San Bernardino County with local clean energy efficiency workshops, lobbied in Sacramento for AB1990, helped establish local Sierra Club office in Colton.

Sierra Club activist, wrote “Edison Opposes Solar for Low-Income Communities” in San Bernardino Sun, phone banked for AB1990, participated in video project for local clean energy, worked on translating documents into Spanish for the My Generation Campaign.

Sierra Club Summer intern, Outward Bound Scholar, Movimientos Estudiantil Chicano@ de Aztlán (MECHA) Co-leader at San Bernardino Valley College, Co-founder of Chicano Indigenous Community for Culturally Conscious Advocacy and Action(CHICCCAA) cultural center and community garden, canvassed San Bernardino County with local clean energy efficiency workshops, lobbied in Sacramento for AB1990, helped establish local Sierra Club office in Colton.

Today’s Youth are Meeting the Challenge of Wind and Solar Energy

by Don Fischer, Mountains Group Conservation Chair

The Mountains Group of the Sierra Club has some very good news to announce concerning the environment. The Rim of the World High School has installed solar panels and four wind turbines (see photos) at the school. This is a pioneering step in that the school district believes they are the first school in the state, and among just a handful of school districts in the nation, to be using wind turbines at a school site. They are connected to the electrical grid and will be feeding energy to the high school.

As stated by Scott Markovich, Rim of the World Unified School District school board president in an article recently published in The Mountain News, “The (high school) kids will be able to get three practical experiences at how green energy is generated, and use math and physics to help monitor the process. The fenced and gated green energy farm is located off the school’s main parking area near the Performing Arts Center. The plan is to have the wind lead into the physics classroom where monitoring equipment will be based for energy learning. The energy generated by the combination of solar and wind turbine farm will not be significant, but will provide the school with enough electrical energy to run two or three homes. Our students will be able to have a practical experience with what they’re taught in science class about energy. This will help teach wind power curriculum to our students, and be a path to jobs in the green energy industry.”

Our Mountains Group gives out a scholarship of $2,000 each year to a senior at the high school who writes the best essay on how they would like to be an environmental steward in college and in their future career choice. The June 2012 recipient of this scholarship was a member of the Environmental Club and contributed to the idea of having wind turbines and solar panels installed at the high school.

The Mountains Group hopes to have the physics teacher and some of his students come to one of our monthly meetings in 2013 and make a presentation describing what they have learned this year as they monitor how the wind turbines and solar panels have helped to reduce the use of fossil fuels at the school site. As the Conservation Chairperson, I believe I can speak for all our Mountains Group members that we look forward to hearing what they have learned.

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in mid-October of 2012, we got a call from the National Office saying that one of our endorsed Congressional candidates had been picked to be a target for the Sierra Club Victory Corps. I’m embarrassed to say that I had never heard of Victory Corps and didn’t have a clue what it all was about. Now I know!

Mark Takano, running for an open seat, in what was expected to be a very tight race for the new Congressional District 41, had been picked by the Sierra Club as a focus of one of 53 federal races nationwide. We were told that a Club staffer would be assigned to help us elect our endorsed candidate and that we needed to do two things: find her free housing for the two weeks immediately preceding the election and support her in her work.

The next thing we knew, a determined angel named Rachel Butler, flew into town and made members of the Chapter work an election like we’d never done before.

Rachel normally works on national transportation issues out of the San Francisco office. She got a small core of members, mostly from the Moreno Valley Group, to start making member-to-member calls, asking our members to spend just a little time volunteering on this campaign. We also asked them if they could attend a “House Party” to kick off this campaign. The “House Party” was held at the Chapter office in Riverside just less than two weeks before the election and was attended by about a dozen members.

Our Outdoor Families in our Educational Outreach project will be visiting the Elfin Forest Reserve in Escondido on January 11. Like all our outings this will be open to everyone. Go to meetup.com/outdoor families to find us.

We had a lot of very interesting General Meeting programs in 2012 with many more planned for 2013 such as a study of local Mountain Lion activities, the Mojave Desert and its current impacts, the Pechanga Tribe in our local area, wildfire ecology and climate change. It’s going to be a great year. If you have any questions, you can reach me at (pamelaf65@yahoo.com).

Bob Audibert, Outings Committee

On Sunday January 13 we are going to do the Morgan Mountain trail. Sun Jan 13, 9 AM – There are two options on this hike. One is a moderate “out and back” hike of 9 miles and 4-5 hours. The second option is Margaret Meyncke’s favorite: the “one way” downhill 4.5 miles and 2-3 hour hike. By using the Bear Canyon Trail junction, it is an easy 1mile hike down to the Candy Store on The Ortega Highway. You would need a car parked at the trail head parking lot on the north side of the road. A wilderness pass is required for the car. Those hikers could ride back down the Morgan Trail head and pick up their cars (also displaying wilderness passes). For those choosing the Candy Store option, Margaret will call ahead to order homemade pies for lunch. From the Morgan trail head we will travel east across oak woodlands with the sound of a stream below the trail. After about two miles the trail opens up into a forest of chaparral with some great vistas of the mountains and valleys. For more information, to make reservations and to get directions at the meeting place, contact hike leader John Meyncke at: john.meyncke@gmail.com.

On Sunday January 27 we will hike on the Tenaja Falls Trail to the Morgan Trail cutoff. You will enjoy a day in the lush San Mateo Wilderness! Join us on an 8.0 mile round trip (4 miles in then back) hike to El Potrero de la Cienega area. The hike is moderate with about 1000 ft of elevation gain. The trail makes crossings over several seasonal creeks and the Falls. Be prepared some areas of Poison Oak and lots of Chaparral. We will meet at the first trailhead (Tenaja Trail) and carpool to the Falls trail head. For more information about this hike, to get directions and to make reservations contact hike leader Gary Marsalone at (858) 663-1201 or hikesies@gmail.com Santa Margarita Group.

Tera Biancardi, Fund Raising Committee

The Santa Margarita Group is trying out a novel way to raise funds for our various projects, and help the planet at the same time. We’re doing a used shoe drive. We’re looking to collect athletic shoes, as well as men’s cowboy boots and other footwear. The shoes are cleaned up and taken to some of the poorest places on Earth, and distributed to people who would otherwise never have the chance to wear quality shoes. The company (m.eyncke@gmail.com).

Fred Bartz, Political Committee Chair

In a recent turn of events, the Pechanga Tribe of Luiseño Indians announced on November 15th that they had purchased 354 of the 414 acres known as Liberty Quarry. The land was previously owned by Granite Construction, the applicant for Liberty Quarry. This land purchase by Pechanga put an end to a seven year opposition battle to locate the quarry adjacent to the SDSU Santa Margarita Ecological Reserve, and on land declared to be sacred by the Pechanga Tribe.

Granite Construction has also announced that they have withdrawn their application for Liberty Quarry. With Pechanga’s purchase of the land, and Granite’s withdrawal of their quarry application, the legal issues are not yet over. Both the City of Temecula, and legal counsel representing Save Our Southwest Hills, will continue the lawsuit challenging the County’s approval of Fast Tracking of Surface Mining Permits.

Margaret Meyncke, Facebook Committee Chair

We are pleased to announce the arrival of our new Facebook page that I designed and manage. Please take a look at it and let me know what you think. (http://www.facebook.com/ SierraClubSantaMargaritaGroup)

We will be posting information about our local hikes, outings, and general meetings. You can find photos and links to websites that will help you explore, enjoy, and protect the environment around us. Facebook will also provide a link to our Outdoor Families program. (http://www.meetup.com/Outoor-Families)

And if you like what you see, please hit the “LIKED” button on the upper right hand portion of any page. That will make me very happy. For ideas and suggestions, you can reach me at (m.meyncke@gmail.com).

SANTA MARGARITA GROUP MEETINGS ARE HELD ON THE 3rd THURSDAY OF EVERY MONTH EXCEPT JULY, AUGUST AND DECEMBER AT THE RANCHO CALIFORNIA WATER DISTRICT HEADQUARTERS, 42135 WINCHESTER ROAD, TEMECULA 92590 STARTING AT 6:30 PM.

Questions, please email us at sierraclubsmg@gmail.com and visit our web site at www.sierraclubsmg.org
Christine Magar has an impressive professional biography. As a veteran of sustainable initiative development and implementation, she has been active in both academic and nonacademic contexts including USC, ISU, SCI-Arc, University of Redlands, and the University of California. She has excelled as an effective educator in both academic and nonacademic settings, leading initiatives and creating policies. Her background encompasses architecture, urban design, interiors, and furniture design in diverse contexts including municipal, utility, design firm, and academic environments.

Christine has served as leader, facilitator, and manager for complex design and construction projects that focus on sustainability, and she is experienced in leading initiatives and projects from conception through commissioning while building consensus among diverse stakeholders.

She has excelled as an effective educator in both academic and nonacademic contexts including USC, ISU, SCI-Arc, and Southern California Edison-CTAC, Southern California Gas Company-Energy Center, and LA DWP. She has developed and delivered hundreds of presentations, peer-reviewed papers, exhibits, and seminars on sustainable design issues.

Ms. Magar spent over a decade focusing on creating and implementing the LEED rating system as a means to educate and transform the building industry and market. She was a member of the National LEED Steering Committee for a decade and instrumental in producing the LEED CS green building rating system as the LEED Core and Shell Vice Chair. These and her work at Greenform, enabled Ms. Magar to use her talent and skill to manage people and ideas and her ability to think creatively resulting in more sustainable designs, materials and methods of construction.

Meanwhile, she was also chair of the AIA- LA Committee on the Environment. She has served on the LAUSD High Performance Schools Working Group, CHPS Technical Committee, City of Seattle’s Green Building Task Force, and the City of LA Sustainable Design Task Force.

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Monty Hempel Presents “Spirit of Place” at February 5th Chapter Meeting

A t the February 5th chapter meeting, Professor Monty Hempel will present “Spirit of Place,” an award-winning documentary film that he produced. The meeting will start at 7:30 PM at the San Bernardino County Museum, 2024 Orange Tree Lane, Redlands, near the California St. exit from Interstate 10.

Spirit of Place is winner of the John Muir Award for “Best Environmental Film” of 2011, at the Yosemite International Film Festival. Spirit of Place examines our relationship to Nature through the eyes of Dr. Marilee Scaff, an extraordinary 95-year-old adventurer, whose love of Dr. Marilee Scaff, an extraordinary 95-year-old adventurer, whose love of

His professional work is strongly interdisciplinary and guided by the goal of pragmatic idealism.

Hempel is a past president of the Association for Environmental Studies and Sciences (AESS) and serves on the executive committee of the national Council of Environmental Deans and Directors (CEDD). In addition, Hempel is a founding board member of the Association for the Advancement of Sustainability in Higher Education (AASHE) and a Senior Fellow of the InterEnvironment Institute and California Institute of Public Affairs.

Hempel served as the first visiting scholar-in-residence at the Steinhardt Center for Conservation Studies (Malibu, California) in the mid-1990s. Prior to that time, he consulted on land-use planning, renewable energy development, and environmental protection in the United States and abroad. Later, he served as a member of U.S. NGO environmental delegations to Brazil, China, Thailand, and Nepal. His international work includes presentations at the Earth Summit in Rio de Janeiro (1992), the OECD Conference on Sustainable Urban Development in Berlin (1996), and the World Conservation Congress in Bangkok (2004).

For the past ten years, Hempel has led an annual three-week university expedition to Palau to study marine ecology and sustainable development. In spring 2007, he was a faculty member on Semester at Sea (University of Virginia).

Hempel’s book publications include Environmental Governance: The Global Challenge (Island Press, 1996), Gandhi’s Significance for Today: The Elusive Legacy (Macmillan, 1989, co-edited with John Hick), and Sustainable Communities: From Vision to Action (Hewlett Foundation/CGU, 1998). He has also written, filmed, and produced more than a dozen environmental video documentaries, with subjects ranging from coral reef protection in Palau to an examination of human spiritual relationships with Nature. He is currently producing a film about Archbishop Desmond Tutu, as well as a film series titled The Bequest, which examines the global challenge of sustaining healthy people and wild places.